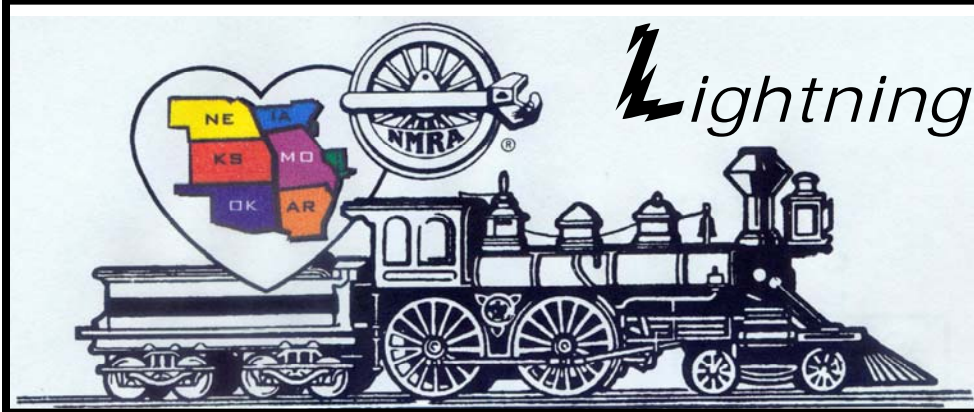


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**Turkey Creek Division Meeting
August 27th at
Shawnee Mission North High School
7pm
Clinic Modeling with Crooked Hands
By Ron Morse MMR
THREE IN ONE
Creating snow scenes
Using your digital camera
Claw hammer scenery modification**





Another month has gone by. Time flies when you are having fun. Sometimes when you're not having much fun, working more than I wanted to be at this time. I am getting in the layout more, trying to finish an incline coaling station. If I can get that done then I can get back in some track wiring.

I hope you have gotten to your layout, module, kit, model, article or any other railroad related project. We have a lot of good modelers and knowledge in our group. I would be nice to see it being shared with our group and other modelers. That being said, I will be shortly lining up our clinics for next year. I have some but need more, long or short. If you would like to give a clinic send me an e-mail or talk to me at hone of our meetings. I don't know some of our members that well, so I don't know what everyone's interests or knowledge might be.

One that we need to discuss and decide at our next meeting is for our Make and Take clinic. Miles and Fran have found someone to supply the kit but the kits are going to be more expensive than last year's. A number of our members said they wanted a model that was a little more challenging. More challenging = more expensive. How much would our members be willing to spend on a kit? Do we need all the scales? (N, HO, S, O, G)? Then we need a count of how many kits we need to give Miles and Fran time to get the kits.

I have not heard if we have lined up a new web master yet. If we haven't, we need someone to step up. If you have any questions, talk to Paul and he can tell you what it involves.

I want to thank George for his slide presentation at our last meeting. He did a nice job. I'm sorry that it was a little warm in our meeting room. We didn't know we were getting moved and they didn't think about the air not being on in that room. We are always learning.

Our clinic for this month will be given by Ron Morse. It is a rescheduled clinic from earlier this year. It was canceled because of snow. Ironic isn't it because part of his clinic is on snow. I am looking forward to it because I want to have snow on a small portion of my layout.

See you all August 27th.
Sincerely,
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Meeting



Clinic - August 2013

THREE IN ONE CLINIC BY RON MORSE, MMR – Not many people take the plunge and model snow on their layout...and that includes me. However, I have had a lot of fun playing in the snow on small dioramas. In this Power Point presentation I share my adventures in creating snow scenes and the materials I used.

Even if you never model snow I think you will find this clinic to be fascinating to watch. The December 2007 Caboose Kibitzer cover was one of my snow photos and the NMRA 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2013 Calendars also have some of my snow scenes in it. In the second part of the presentation Ron takes the same diorama he used for the snow scenes...modifies it by bashing it with a claw hammer and then creates the "Little Ella Gold Mine" diorama that was published in the Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette in the Nov/Dec 2007 issue.



Modeling With *Cracked* Hands

THREE IN ONE

1. Creating snow scenes for your model railroad.
2. Using your digital camera to improve your modeling skills.
3. Claw hammer scenery modification.



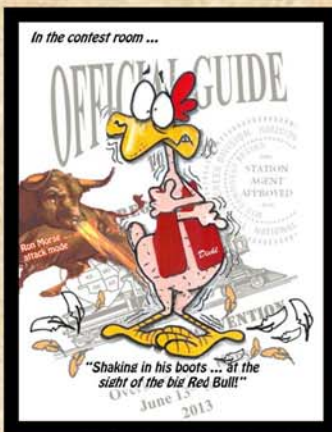
THE CHICKEN PLUCKER GAZETTE

A RANDOM OCCURRING SUPPLEMENT OF THE TURKEY CREEK LIGHTNING SLINGER

Ever since the recent Regional Convention the "Chicken Man" has been showing up in numerous locations including Joe Robertson's Piper Valley Railroad where it was rumored that the "Chicken Man" was trying to discover the modeling secrets of Ron Morse, MMR. Next he was spotted on Don Bronec's Montana Southern Railway generally making a nuisance of himself.



Oh No! Has Chicken Man invaded Morse Productions to discover Ron's modeling secrets? All of this was discovered on Joe Robertson's Piper Valley Railroad.





2013
Great Plains Train show
Exhibitor Registration



Show Dates:
October 19, 2013 9am - 5pm
October 20, 2013 9am - 4pm

Business Name _____

Contact Name _____

Business Address _____

City / State / Zip _____, _____

Telephone _____ FAX _____

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Number of 10.5 X 10.5 Booths _____

Single booth rate @ 100.00 each . Multiple booth rate @ 80.00 each
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Saturday, October 19, 2013 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday, October 20, 2013 10 am - 4 pm




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train load of
activities
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A photograph showing two children, a boy and a girl, looking at a model train set. The train is a red steam locomotive pulling a black freight car filled with white cargo. The train is on a track set in a diorama with a large tree trunk and a cave entrance in the background.

- A Live steam track
- Scale cars and trucks for the model car enthusiasts.
- layouts in all scales hobbies and close detail work.
- Clinics of all types
- Parts, people, and accessories for scale model buildings including dioramas

Model railroading is much more than tracks and trains.
It's a whole world in miniature.



Visiting the Turkey Creek Division and other Model Railroads in the US

by Kelly Loyd MMR
Australasian Region Secretary

My fascination for trains began at an early age when our family lived 2 blocks from the St. Louis – San Francisco RR main line in the small town of St. James. My brother and I would race to the trackside when we heard a ‘Frisco freight blow for the crossing at the East end of town and watch as the Mandarin and White units thundered past the feed store with a freight in tow, a sight both exciting

Gary Hankin’s Santa Fe



and terrifying for small boys. The love of trains grew out of these early boyhood experiences and also from being lucky enough to have a Grandfather who was a railroader. He would take me to work with him at the interlocking tower where he was the 2nd trick operator and I learned how to hang orders, use the radio and operate the interlocking. I was fully capable of operating the interlocking unsupervised at the tender age of 10,

Gary Hankin’s Santa Fe



which surprised the Trainmaster one evening when he visited the tower and Grandpa said, “Kelly, line that KCS



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out of town.” Such things remain etched upon the memory... 35 Normal, 37 Normal, 36 Right, 23 Normal, 21 Reverse and 24 Left.

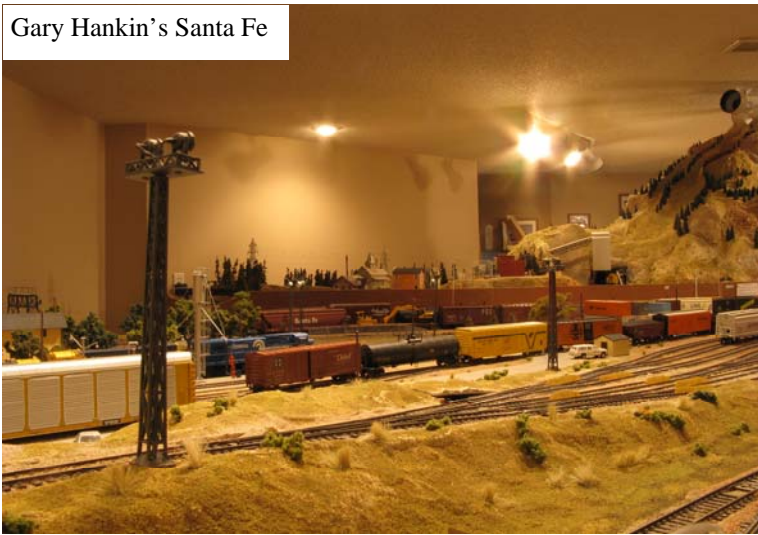
A fellow Australian modeler noted at one time that there were three types of Model Railroaders in operations: - The Railfan, The Yardmaster and The Dispatcher. Railfans love to watch trains run, no switching. Yardmasters enjoy running a train, but they enjoy lots of switching, both in the yard and with a Peddler Freight. Dispatchers really enjoy overseeing the operation and “running” the entire railroad. He went on to say that The Dispatcher is a rare type and he was surprised to meet one. I think it was that exposure to interlocking and also CTC at other locations that sparked my interest in Dispatching, something



Gary Hankin’s Santa Fe

that has lasted all my life. Like so many others, I asked my parents for a train set for Christmas in 1968. I recall seeing it in the five and dime store for the princely sum of \$13. I set up that oval of track in my room and soon grew tired of running round and round so the next summer, I got a job delivering newspapers and saved up enough for a turnout and some

Gary Hankin's Santa Fe



track. Looking back now, I realize that was the true beginning of my desire to operate a model railroad and not just run trains around without purpose. Of course, I didn't deliver products, but I did load up a gondola with chocolates and "delivered" those.

I got a permanent layout as a teenager, a 4x8 with an oval, industry spur and a small yard. This was a lot of fun and I wired it with blocks to have a mainline train and a

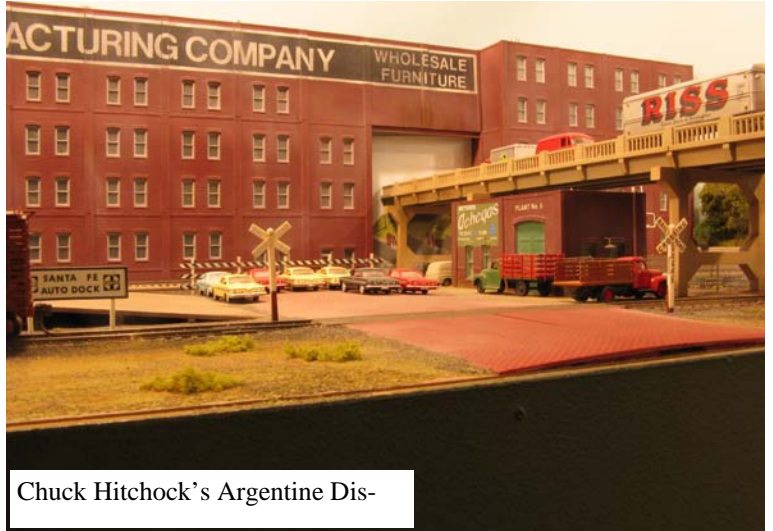


Chuck Hitchcock's Argentine Dis-

yard switcher. There were no car cards but I still operated by having the switcher make up a "delivery" to the spur track, push the train out onto the main, then park the yard switcher and have the main line locomotive come and hook on, then a couple of circuits of the oval followed by exchanging the cars. There weren't even any buildings on the layout, all done by imagination. After High School, I spent 2 years working for The Milwaukee Road in 1980, in the very same job that my Grandfather taught me. The love of railroading and model trains stayed with me through life and finally I was able to build another layout some 21 years later.

My friend Gerry Hopkins likes to say, "Kelly was not going to have scenery, or operate or have signals. He was just having a plain plywood layout. He has failed to

achieve those things." I started building my current layout in 2003 which began as an Atlas Track plan, but was expanded out via two "wings" into a nicely operating model railroad. In December 2003, I joined the NMRA in the Australasian Region and made a lot of new friends who shared my enthusiasm for model railroads. I decided to tackle the Achievement Program and started out with Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical. Well, you have to wire your layout, so why not get credit for doing it? My background includes a lot of Electronics experience. Even so, I learned a few things from doing that certificate. Other AP certificates were to follow in time, then a lull in the weather until I completed the Motive Power in 2012 to complete the seven required for Master Model



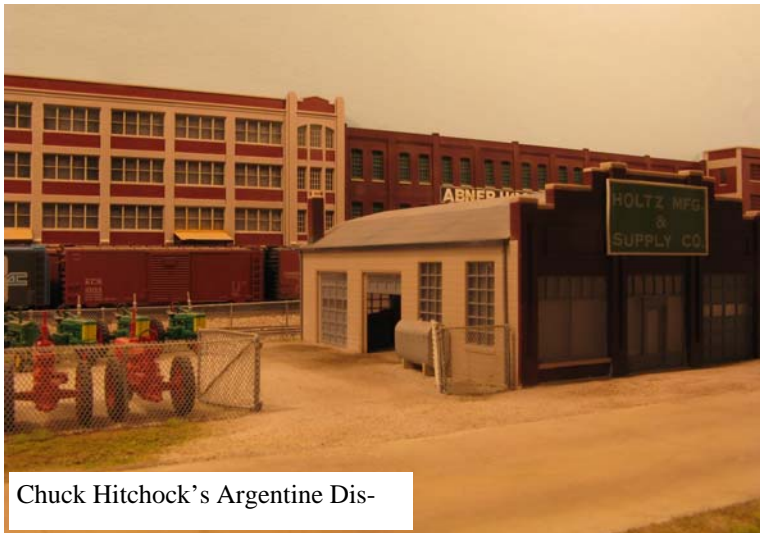
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Railroader. Getting a certificate was great, but even greater was the friendships forged and lessons learned all along the way.

I'd have to say that the greatest asset and benefit in the NMRA is the members. Without exception, every place I have visited with NMRA members I have been made to feel very welcome and shared many good times, learning, chatting and operating. I've been fortunate to see and operate on some of the most amazing model railroads in the world, places like the North American Prototype Model-

Chuck Hitchcock's Argentine Dis-





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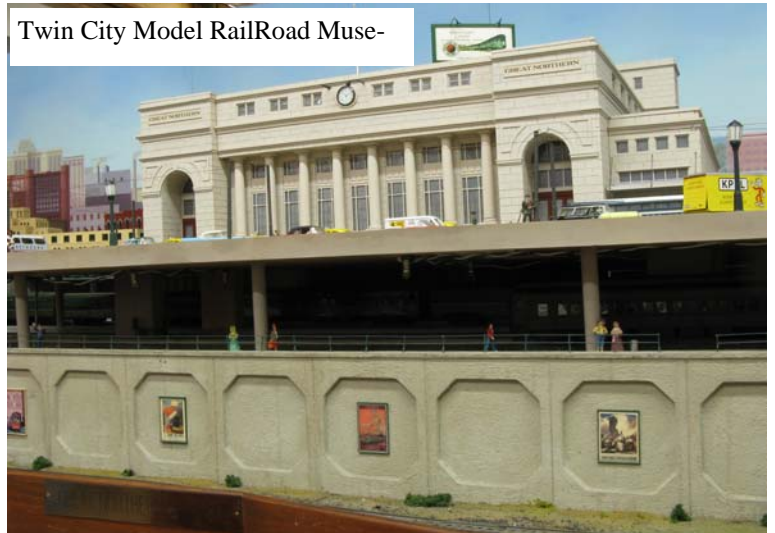
Twin City Model RailRoad Muse-

ers in Milwaukee, Mike Richtsdorf's Norfolk and Western in Chicago, Gary Hankin's Santa Fe, Chuck Hitchcock's Argentine District and Bruce Chubb's Sunset Valley Oregon System. Then of course there is our own grass

Kelly is employed as a Senior Software Engineer at Civica Pty Limited, a Software Vendor providing an Enter-



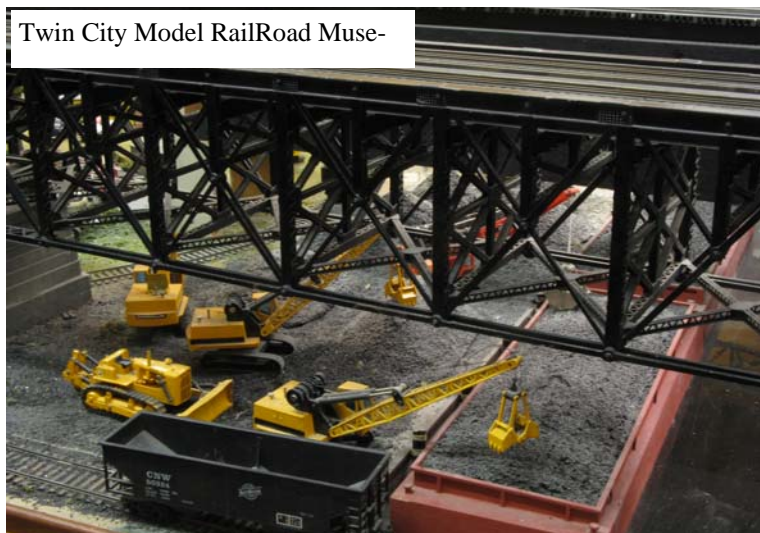
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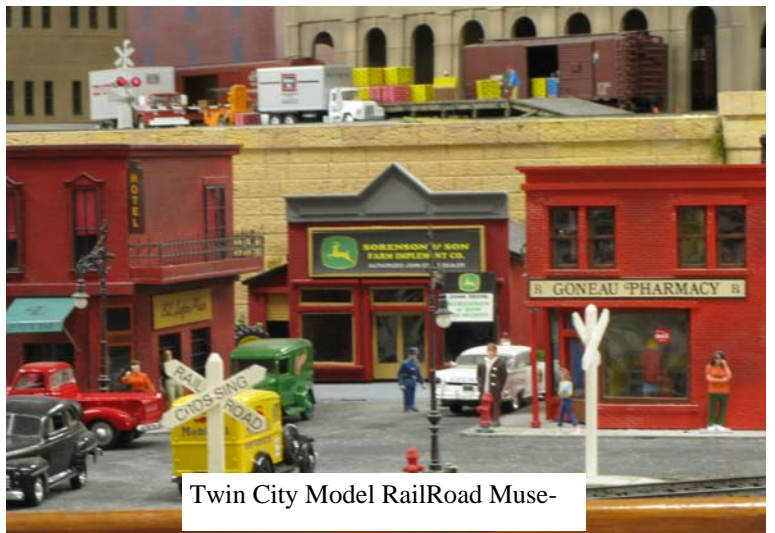
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roots group, local modelers who share fun, operations, learning and general camaraderie. This social aspect is one of the best things about our organization to me and something I would like to see continue for years to come.

prise Suite of applications for Local Government. His interests include books, movies, good music, model rail-



Twin City Model RailRoad Muse-



Twin City Model RailRoad Muse-

roads, prototype railroads, writing software and anything to do with his layout. Kelly has been married to his lovely wife Gianna for 31 years and has one son, who is pur-

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THE SWITCH LIST – August 2013

*new since last issue

The Switch List contains all known Mid-Century Region, NMRA, train shows and Division meetings. It also lists all known club shows and swap meets in the Mid-Century Region (IA, IL, MO, AR, NE, KS, and OK). To list your event information please

Email: l-seibel@comcast.net, or Mail Information: Louis Seibel, 1069 N Logan, Olathe KS 66061. To subscribe, or unsubscribe, to The Switch List send an email to the above link. Look for us on the MCoR web site: www.mcor-nmra.org. **Please put me in your newsletter.**

DIVISION MEETINGS

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COWBOY LINE DIVISION (NORFOLK, NE) meets 3rd Thursday each month, 7:00 P.M. at Hy Vee East upstairs meeting room. Corner of 1st Street and Norfolk, Ave. Info: James B Van Dekden, Div. Dir. 402 833-5531 or genjvan@msm.com for more information.

Eastern Iowa Division: For division activities check out our website monthly at: <https://sites.google.com/site/easterniowadivision/> or the division's Facebook Page at: Eastern Iowa Division. For further information you can contact the division's Superintendent, Tony Bowen, MMR at: railroadteacher@gmail.com

GATEWAY DIVISION (ST. LOUIS, MO) meets 3rd Monday each month, 7:00 P.M. Odd numbered months: Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Rd (Hwy 141), Ballwin, MO; Even numbered months: VFW Hall, O'Fallon, IL <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/division.htm>

INDIAN NATIONS DIVISION Unless otherwise specified, all Indian Nations NMRA meets are held at the new Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., just east of Memorial Rd. in Tulsa, OK. The library opens at 9:00 am and the meetings start at 9:30 am. Web page: www.tulsanmra.org Superintendent - Dave Salamon (918)272-5512 or drs_rr@yahoo.com

KANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION Meetings are at 1:00 pm. For the full schedule check the MCoR website or email: garyonho@cox.net

KATE SHELLEY DIVISION meets the 4th Thursday of every month except Nov. which we meet the 3rd. Dec. we have no meetings. The Ames Public Library is being remodeled, so contact KSD officers per the NMRA website for latest meeting place. This arrangement is in effect until mid-summer 2014. Business meeting starts at 6 PM and at 7 PM we have a get together, anything railroad goes. The Library is at 515 Douglas Ave. Contact KSD thru the NMRA web site.

OK HEARTLAND DIVISION, NMRA meets in the even months in the Oklahoma City area. All who are interested in Model railroading are welcome. Info: www.okcnmra.org

PLATTE VALLEY DIV. (HASTINGS, GRAND ISLAND, and KEARNEY, NE) meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in members' homes on a rotating basis. Info: John O'Neill, MMR, Div. Dir., 308-384-5011 or jponeill@computer-concepts.com.

TURKEY CREEK DIVISION, NMRA, Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. meetings(except for June) will be at the Shawnee Mission North High School at Johnson Drive and Metcalf in the Library. Check the Division Timetable at <http://www.tc-nmra.org/TC-Calendar.html> for current information. Info: Louis Seibel, Division Director 913-393-3495 or 913-927-6850 l-seibel@comcast.net

WESTERN HERITAGE DIVISION (OMAHA, NE / COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA) meets second Saturday (except June and December) at noon in the Sump

Library at 2nd & Washington Streets in Papillion (across from Runza). Visit www.whdnmra.info for more info and a map. The new web site is found at <http://www.whd.mcor-nmra.org>

WESTERN KANSAS DIVISION (GARDEN CITY, KS) Meets every Tuesday evening from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at 4091/2 N. Main St. (second floor above "Stage" department store) 7 layouts on display (2-HO, 5-N) Operating sessions available Info: Robert Simmons, Division Director (620) 521-3591 or ras@odsgc.net

TRAIN SHOWS & MEETS

August 17th 2013, 16th Annual Topeka Train

Festival Great Overland Station, 701 N. Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS, Saturday 9:30 to 4:30. For more information,

Visit www.greatoverlandstation.com

August 18th Mid-American Train & Toy Show,

KCI Expo Center, 11728 NW Abassasor Drive, Kansas City, Mo, 9am to 2pm \$5 adults, 12 & under free with adult admission. 7 am early admission \$10. For more information, contact Steve and Sheri Stith 913-651-5864

August 30-September 2 2013 Midland Railway Historical Association, At the Throttle w/ Flagg Coal #75

Midland Railway Address is 1515 W. High Street Baldwin City, KS 66006-0005 Take the reins of the "Iron Horse"! Cost is \$150.00. At the Throttle will be at the Midland Railway for Railfest!!! You can power down the tracks behind the Flagg Coal #75. No previous locomotive experience is required. The program is a unique opportunity for rail fans to live their dream of running a steam engine, taking a trip back in time to the golden age of railroading. A qualified engineer will be in the cab at all times, but participants will enjoy a full half hour operating the engine (including a safety orientation). Participants must be at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license. Release forms are required. Clothing appropriate to a working rail yard should be worn at all times. Jeans or overalls, work style boots (NO OPEN SHOES or Tennis Shoes), long sleeved shirt, and gloves are REQUIRED! Failure to have proper listed attire will result in forfeiture of "At the Throttle" time. No refund or cost will be given if time is forfeited. Participants wishing to have their picture made should bring a camera. Friends or family or a member of the crew can take a photo of each "At the Throttle" participant. Tickets are available online at www.midlandrailway.org or at the ticket window the day of the event. (Ticket window opens at 9 am each day of event.)

AUGUST 31-SEPT 2, 2013 Midland Railway for Railfest: Take a ride behind a Steam Locomotive on a trip from Baldwin City to Norwood and back. Three different times to choose from all three days!! Steam trips leave the Midland Railway Depot at 1515 High Street at 9:30am, 12pm, and 3pm all three days. You can ride behind either MKT 142 or NYC 8255 (Diesel Locomotives) for a trip from Baldwin City to Ottawa Junction and back. Choose from two different Diesel trips all three days. Tour the "Kansas City Southern Railway Post Office Car" or take the trip one our cabooses just like the conductors used too!!! Diesel trips depart the Midland Railway Depot at 11am and 2pm all three days!! Try your hand "AT THE THROTTLE" of Flagg Coal #75! Are you a steam lover? Ever wanted to try your hand at running a steam locomotive? HERE IS YOUR CHANCE!!!! Ride on a restored motor car! Tickets for these rides are available the day of the event at the ticket window. Enjoy a Railroadiana tent with hundreds of items to look at and purchase! Vendors from all over the Midwest will be at the Midland Railway all three days under the big tent with hundreds of Railroad memorabilia items to purchase and see! Also Kansas Operation Lifesaver will be handing out railroad safety information Admission is free with the purchase of any train ride ticket (Saturday, Sunday or Monday tickets) or a "combo pass" V&H Trucks will have a display of on track equipment along with model train layout, Day out with Thomas toys for sale and much more!! Food will be available on the grounds along with snacks and drinks. Also visit the gift shop in the depot for collectables and other gift ideas! Tickets are available online at www.midlandrailway.org or at the ticket window the day of the event.



(Ticket window opens at 9 am each day of event.)

September 7th-8th 2013 Garden Railroad Tour: We Grow Trains in our Backyard September 7 & 8, 2013, The Kansas City Garden Railway Society will host our annual tour of 14 locations in the greater Kansas City area. We will be running and sharing the fun of trains. Tour books can be purchased for \$12.00 and allows the whole family to enjoy the great world of garden railroading. Fairy Gardens have become popular and we have combined trains and fairies for a unique prospective as this year's theme. Books can be purchased at the Great Plains Train Station located at the Great Mall of the Great Plains in Olathe, Ks. Books are also available at other locations around town. A complete list is on our website at www.kcgrs.com.

September 28th, Ozarks Model Train Swap Meet Howard Johnson Inn Conference Center 3333 S. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 6645804 Doors open at 9am to 3pm \$6 adults, children under 12 free with paying adult. Operating display railroads, swap Tables door prizes. Table rental \$20 each Vendor setup Friday September 27 after 5. Food & refreshments will be available. For more information call David Brashers 417-848-1739 or email dbrashers69@yahoo.com. Vendor registration forms available on OMRA website. Greg Sullivan at 417-664-4208 or email at sullibud@gmail.com or web site <http://omraspringfield.org>

September 28th & 29 Wichita Toy Train Club and Museum's 19th Annual Train Show

and Swap Meet Times Saturday 9 to 5; Sunday 11 to 4, Location: Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita, KS 67210 Concessions are available on site. Admission: \$6.00 for both days. Children under 12 admitted free. After the Train Show/Swap Meet, the public may tour the Wichita Toy Train Club and Museum for 50% off admission (\$2.50) with a hand stamp from the Train Show that weekend. For information, contact: Shari Shockey-
mshockey@hughes.net Jim Hickman-
jwhickman@att.net Check our website www.wttcinc.org

October 6th 30th Annual Train Show in Washington, Iowa, KC Hall 606 West 3rd Street Hours 9am to 3pm, Admission- Adults-\$5, Kids 6-12-\$1 All gauges & railroadiana, Lunch available. Contact-meworley@iowatelecom.net or 319-653-3782

October 19th 4th Annual Silver Rails Model Train Show. The American Passenger Rail Heritage Foundation (APRHF), a non-profit 501c-3 organization, is hosting the show on Saturday 9 am to 3pm at the Silver Rails Event Center. The Silver Rails Event Center is located at 202 E. Moore Street in La Plata, Missouri. We will have operating train layouts and lots of trains/railroad memorabilia for sale. Vendor space is available for \$20.00 a table. Entry fee is \$3.00 per person at the door all proceeds from the entry fee go to benefit the local food bank. Children 12 and under are free with an adult. Breakfast and lunch will be available on site. For more information please contact Bob Cox 660-287-1714 or by email president@aprhf.org For more information call Bob Cox, President of the APRHF at 660-287-1714, or by email: president@aprhf.org For more info about the APRHF please visit: www.aprhf.org & <http://www.aprhf.org/2013/03/19/silver-rails-model-train-show-october-19th-2013/>

October 19-20 2013, The Great Train Plains Train Show Saturday 10 to 5 and Sunday 10 -4 The Great Mall of the Great Plains, 20700 W 151st Street, Olathe, Ks 66061 Adults \$7 under 16 Free \$2 off with coupon on web site Vendor, Manufactures Exhibits, Vendors, and Model Railroad Layouts. For more information Contact John Roberts at 913-406-3400 and Website www.greatplainstrainshow.com

October 19-20, 2013 -Western Kansas Train Show 6th Year of Show Saturday 9:00 to 5:00 Sunday 11:00 to 4:00 Buy and sell new and used model trains 100 tables of trains for sale plus large operating layout, food vendor on sight and door prizes!!!! Adults \$5 Admissions 12 and under free! Ellis Country Fairgrounds 1343 Fairground Rd. Exit 157 on I-70 Hays, Kansas 67601

Vendors tables \$30 each.

More information Contact Kevin Keeler

Phone: 417-838-95615 Email: CLK@mchsi.com

www.k-n-d-collectibles.com , www.ozarkexpreehobbies.com

November 2nd, 2013 Kate Shelley Train Show United Community School (Between Ames and Boone, Iowa on US Hwy 30) 9 AM - 3:30 PM Operating layouts, door prizes, silent auction, model & photo contest, clinics, 90+ dealer tables. Admission: \$ 5 at the door; \$4 for NMRA members; advanced registration \$4; kids under 12 free Contact: David Yetter 515-233-5665 or E-Mail: railroad5714@msn.com ; or Pete Korsching 515-382-5382

November 23rd & 24th The 2013 Boot Hill Model Railroad Club Train Show in Dodge City, KS, at The Western State Bank Expo Center, 11333 HWY 283 South, Dodge City, KS, 67801. This is located just SW of the intersection of HWY 283 and 56 on the South side of town. Show times are 10am to 6pm on Nov 23rd and 11am to 4pm on Nov 24th. Admission is \$5.00 each with children 10 and under Free when accompanied by an adult. There will be several Vendors at the show. Tables are \$15.00 each. Please register your need for number of tables by SEPTEMBER 30th, if at all possible, to reserve floor plan space. Other Model Train Clubs are invited to be a part of our show, and usually do, from Garden City, McPherson, Bennington, KS, North Platte, NE. Woodward, OK., and of course , Dodge City. We do not have a web address. I am the contact for the show: Don Delzeit 2415 Howell Ave, Dodge City, Ks, 67801. Phone 620 338 7139. My email address is dldelzeit@dodgecity.net. If I am unavailable, call Henry Turner Phone 620 271 4306

November 30, December 1, 2013: The Great Train Expo. Gateway Center is located at One Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL. Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from HO Scale, N Scale, Lionel (O Gauge), G Gauge, Z Scale, American Flyer (S Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE ! Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site www.GreatTrainShowExpo.com

November 30th, 2013 The Joplin Museum Complex will host a model train show and swap meet on Saturday, November 30th from 9:00am to 3pm. Admission is \$3 adult, children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult. Included will be operating layouts and over 70 tables of items for sale or trade. The Joplin Museum Complex is located at 7th and Schifferdecker Streets in Schifferdecker Park between the golf course and swimming pool. All proceeds at the door go to benefit the Joplin Museum Complex. For additional information please contact Rick Gardner phone 417-673-4888 or e-mail rickgardner4449@gmail.com.

December 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 2012 The Santa Claus Express is pulling into the Midland Railway again this year!! Address is 1515 W. High Street Baldwin City, KS 66006-0005 Trains depart at 10 am, 1pm and 3pm every day. Enjoy Christmas music, Carolers singing your favorite Christmas songs, a cookie and hot cocoa! Santa will be on the train in his own specially decorated car! Bring your cameras and take photographs with Santa Claus! Each child receives a small gift or candy cane from Santa! Tickets are available ONLINE



at www.midlandrailway.org or at the ticket window the day of the event. (Ticket window opens at 9 am each day of event.) Tickets are \$15 for ages 12 and up; \$8 for ages 1 to 11*Please dress warm. Train has limited heat and you will be walking through the cars to meet Santa. Blankets, coats and tons of smiles encouraged!!

December 28-29, 2013: The Great Train Expo Overland Park International Trade Center 6800 W 115th Street, Overland Park, KS. Show times are 10 to 4 both days. GTE is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show features 200-500 tables of train dealers, who offer everything from HO Scale, N Scale, Lionel (O Gauge), G Gauge, Z Scale, American Flyer (S Gauge), hobby tools, die-cast vehicles, train whistles, scenery items, Railroadiana Slides, t-shirts, videos, railroad gift items, books, photos and much, **MUCH MORE ! Free Workshops for Beginners & Experienced Modelers!** Ask Questions & Take Notes... Talk With Model Railroading Experts! The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. You can get appraisals and offers from multiple dealers under the same roof! For more information go to web site

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Saturday, March 15, 2014 36th Annual Ozarks Model Train Show & Swap Meet Remington's 1655 W. Republic Road, Springfield, MO 65807 9 am to 3 pm \$7 adults, children under 12 free. **A portion of the admission goes to Crosslines** See a large array of display layouts featuring a variety of scales, door prizes, food/refreshments throughout the show. Planned activities include kids can ride the Kiddie Train, test their skills operating a train on a virtual railroad, take the throttle of an OMRA train, earn a Whistle Blowers certificate and compete in the LCCA's track laying contest in three age divisions. Bring your pre-1970 train for an appraisal or find out what it will take to make it run like new. Table rental \$25 each including lunch. Bottomless coffee all show for \$1. Vendors from the Fall Meet save 10%. Tables and special requests: Dave Brashers, dbrashers69@yahoo.com or 417-848-1739. Registration forms available on website: <http://omraspringfield.org>. Ron Williams MMR at 417-883-5350 or email at rwilliams3129@gmail.com

June 14-15, 2014 Memphis 2014 Rails Across the River: The Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum and the Bluff City Division of the NMRA are proud to host the 2014 Joint Convention of the Southeastern Region and Mid Continent Region of the NMRA. The convention will be held at the Harding Academy, 1100 Cherry Rd, Memphis, TN 38117. For more information, registration and hotel information please visit the website <http://www.ser-nmra.org>

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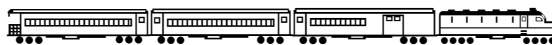
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2013 Convention Extra

Central and Canadian Directors to be Elected in 2014



This year the NMRA will elect Directors from the Central District and Canada. Any member in good standing is eligible to serve in those offices. This is the your opportunity to be a part of the leadership team to guide our NMRA future.

You are strongly encouraged to take the leap and enter your name in nomination. Please contact Clark Kooning (ckooning@MSN.com) for more information or to throw your name into the hat.

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Here are some highlights of what happened at the Board of Directors Meeting over the weekend:

- New Director Kathy Millatt, from the British Region, joined the Board as the new Atlantic Director. Former President Mike Brestel joined the Board as the new At-Large World-Wide Director. And Western Director Jack Hamilton was returned for another term.
- Don Phillips has taken over the position of Publications Department Manager, succeeding Mike Brestel, and Bruce De Young is the new Education Department Manager, replacing John Lowrance.
- Ed and Gay Liesse of the Pacific Northwest Region were recognized with a "Fellow of the NMRA" award for their tireless promotional activities and support for the NMRA.
- The NMRA Gallery Exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum has raised over \$530,000 - enough to begin construction. Bids have been received and a contract for a final design and fabrication will be signed soon. It's estimated that a total of up to \$750,000 will be needed to complete the project. As promised, no member dues money will be used for the project, which relies on contributions. Projected opening date is Fall, 2014.
- The NMRA's long-range plan, named "NMRA 2018," is underway under the leadership of Director Jack Hamilton. This plan will help ensure the future of the NMRA.
- The NMRA's clinic matrix program, called EduTRAIN, is continuing to be developed. Originally started by Jim Six in the Michiana Division, this template will assist Regions and Divisions in presenting clinics and is an exciting new way to look at clinic presentations. Help will be provided in topics and the best way of presenting clinics. These are just suggestions not mandates to assist Regions and Divisions.
- Page Martin, the NMRA's Marketing Director, continues to develop exciting new projects. The latest, "Build a Memory," is designed to be offered by Home Depot stores during their Saturday morning hands-on clinics. "Build A Memory" shows participants how to build 4'x4' layout using products from Home Depot, Walthers, Bachmann, and Woodland Scenics. Joel Priest, MMR, and Cynthia Priest built the demo layout in 7 days, along with a little help from NMRA Magazine editor Stephen Priest, MMR. The demo layout is currently on display at the Atlanta convention. We hope to introduce this program in six large-market Home Depot stores this fall, then expand into many more areas by the end of 2015.
- The Board of Directors awarded the 2017 convention bid to Orlando, Florida. It promises to be a world-class model railroad convention, coupled with deep discounts to Disney attractions - a win/win for the entire family. Prices will be extremely affordable.
- The Peachtree Express convention is currently underway in Atlanta and is already proving to be an amazing event. If you couldn't make it, be sure to register now for the Cleveland convention next year!



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